

SENATE RESOLUTION 95
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Feed the Children for their assistance to the victims of the devastating Jackson Tornado.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those organizations that strive to assist their fellow citizens in times of disaster; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is Feed the Children, a Christian, international, nonprofit relief organization headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, whose mission is to deliver food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to families in times of famine, war, poverty or natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, on the night of May 4, 2003, an F-4 tornado ripped through Madison County, devastated downtown Jackson and took 11 lives while leaving hundreds of citizens homeless and in dire need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, Feed the Children quickly responded with their semitrailer trucks of food and emergency supplies on May 5, 2003, reaching the victims within 48 hours of the tragedy; and

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WHEREAS, the Feed the Children effort included much-needed items like bottled water, diapers and baby wipes, personal care items, cleaning supplies and baby food; and

WHEREAS, as of May 16, 2003, Feed the Children has delivered over 10,000 pounds of food items, over 5,000 pounds of hygiene supplies and over 2,000 pounds of baby food, totaling over 17,432 pounds of emergency supplies, food and water to the citizens of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1979 by Larry and Frances Jones, Feed the Children sent over 58 million pounds of food and 18 million pounds of other essentials to authorized distribution agencies in all 50 states and the District of Columbia in 2002; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations and acknowledge and applaud Feed the Children for its dedication to serving victims of tragic and catastrophic events during their greatest time of need with the utmost speed and efficiency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Feed the Children for their rapid assistance to the victims of the devastating Jackson Tornado and commend them for their continuing effort to provide emergency aid to victims of natural and man-made disasters throughout the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.